

# The Sporting View

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We've been writing about track and field for four weeks now, and just in case you think it's a permanent disease, we're making a complete cycle of the sports wheel today — to one of the fastest and most exciting sports around and to a worthy new venture that needs support.

One last comment about track and we're through for the season: It's surprising what a difference a year can make. Last year the Coliseum Relays was a tremendous meet with the glamor of world records and outstanding competition, and for some reason the Compton meet fell below par.

**COMPTON ON TOP**  
This year the Coliseum Relays was a dull meet, and it remained for Compton to regain its former standard with the greatest meet I've ever seen other than in national and international championship meets.

From the fabulous mile with its fourth place 3:56.4, to the 16-3 world record pole vault to the tremendous discus comeback of Jay Sylvester, it was a sensation. The sprints, the 440, the 880, were all great. Much credit goes to meet promoter Herschel Smith and his able press chief, Al Franken.

And now to another racket. Eight of the finest tennis players the world has ever known will be competing starting tonight in Los Angeles in the first annual Adler Invitational Professional Tennis Championships. Five of the eight won either Wimbledon or Forest Hills or both as amateurs and today all eight are among the world's top 10 pros, including the current number one, Ken (Muscles) Rosewall, who has supplanted Pancho Gonzales. Gonzales, in retirement for a year, has been planning a comeback, but has been suspended by the sponsoring pro players' association in a squabble over TV rights. This field is so tough that even if Gonzales were in it, on the assumption he's past his peak and out of condition, he'd be far from a favorite, and conceivably couldn't finish in the first division.

**ROSEWALL VS. FIELD**  
Rosewall, former U.S., Australian and French amateur champion, has won the big pro tournaments abroad for the past two or three years. He whipped Gonzales in Paris in their last meeting for the French pro title. The little backcourt ace, with his added punch at the net, is deservedly the pick to win the Adler event.

In the field are Rod Laver, last year's grand slammer; Lew Hoad, who in 1956 missed the grand slam only when Rosewall beat him in the U.S. finals; Alex Olmedo, former Wimbledon titlist and U.S. Davis Cup hero; Tony Trabert, the pro players' tournament director, and former U.S. and Wimbledon champ (number one in the world in 1955); and relative newcomers Andres Gimeno of Spain and Butch Buchholz and Barry MacKay of the U.S.

Trabert, who admits to being a bit heavy, meets Rosewall in the first round tonight. There will be two singles matches nightly through Friday, with the semis and finals on Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the Los Angeles Tennis Club.

**SHOT IN ARM IS AIM**  
This tournament, sponsored jointly by the pro players and the Adler Clothing Co. of Cincinnati, is aimed at giving a spectator shot in the arm to the faltering pro circuit. "The days of head and head tennis tours are about numbered," says Trabert. "We are trying to build up a tour of several months' tournaments in the U.S. and Europe, similar to golf. We have enough top players, and with proper promotion it should be successful."

Pro tournaments have been tried before on various scales. The last attempt, though, at a regular circuit, outside of Australia, was just after

World War II when Bill Tilden got one going for a year or two. But it was strictly a one-man promotion, and when Tilden had to drop out of the picture, the circuit idea died.

But there were never as many top players around at one time in as good condition as the current group.

**DAZZLING ARRAY**  
The Adler tourney starting tonight features a dazzling array of varied styles of play and equally variegated personalities.

Rosewall, Laver, Buchholz, Gimeno and MacKay are fresh off their World Series tour, while Hoad is reported relaxed and ready after an Australian layoff and local preps. Olmedo has been working out with Gonzales and is reported fit. Trabert says he'll "be there to play" and predicts he and Hoad have a good chance in doubles.

Certainly, at their best, Hoad and Trabert would be one of the all-time great combinations. I'd hate to bet against them. In this tourney, however, they'll meet Rosewall and Laver, Gimeno and MacKay and Buchholz and Olmedo.

**CLASSIEST PLAYERS**  
These are the most complete and classiest players around, and they're all here in one bunch, shooting for cash prizes.

If you like tennis as it should be played, your dollars at the gate will give you the top entertainment value for your dollar. Even more, it will give tennis a shot in the arm where it needs it most — at the box office.

The head-to-head tours have driven too many top players to the competitive sidelines. Trabert and his group are trying to bring the life back into the game.

The Adler tournament here should be the first giant step in that direction. No tennis buff should miss it.

## Phils Lose in Slugfest, But Maintain Little League Lead

In the first game of the week the Angels beat the Yankees, 8-5. In the top of the second Chuck O'Brien's home run came with bases loaded. Also credited with RBI's are Cyd Bailey and Bruce Johnson.

The second contest went seven innings. Yankee pitcher Phil Roeder gave up only two hits and four walks. In the top of the seventh, the first batter, Don Goss, walked, the next batter struck out, Dick Stellabotte hit a single, the next batter flied out to the pitcher, Gayle Simpson, and Gary Furlong hit a double to win the ball game, 4-3.

The Cardinals and the Braves split their games. Jim Fox, Card pitcher, hurled a one-hitter, walked only four and struck out 16. The hit came from Steve Buckman, Braves' first baseman. Credited with Cardinal RBI's are Jim Fox (pitcher), Robbie Jones (catcher), and Randy Bishop (right field).

The Braves won the second game, 6-5. Cardinal pitcher Randy Bishop gave up one hit to Mark Marquard, but walked 10. Credited with RBI's were Daren Vom Steeg, John Clayton and Robbie Jones.

Cub catcher Kenny Waters hit a home run in the fourth inning with no one on. Jim Ellisberry and Daryl Coast received the other two hits against Phillies pitcher Mike Abrams. Mike Abrams' single in the first inning brought in two runs. The other two hits for the Phillies were by Steve Van Granglinden and Mike Moon. Score: Phillies, 3; Cubs, 1.

The Phillies took their second loss of the season in a 14-1 game. In the bottom of the third inning, Cub pitcher Terry Waters ran in to cover home plate, hurting his hand. 10-year-old Nettleland took the mound, allowing only three hits. Three home runs were made in this very exciting ball game, Terry Waters (Cubs), and two by Phillies catcher Mike Abrams.

Minor Yankees beat the Braves in a 6-2 game. Dan Nolan's two-base hit drove in the only two Brave runs. Yankees' first baseman Dennis Rowe got one RBI.



**STATE CHAMPIONS**, the El Camino College golf squad broke the three-year dynasty of San Mateo College on the rough Torrey Pines course in San Diego country, California's best are, from left, kneeling, Steve Hallberg, Dave Scott, Les Warr and Larry Sprengel. In the back row, from left, are Steve Strom, Ken Ghirardi, Dan Titus, Ted Byrne and Coach Al Greenleaf. Dennis Drury was not pictured.

## VERSATILE SOPHS PIER, SHEELEY GARNER TOP EL CAMINO LAURELS

Two sophomores, versatile Bobby Pier and swimmer Jerrold Sheeley, are the holders today of top athletic awards presented by El Camino College.

Pier, named Athlete-of-the-Year, and Sheeley, cited for the outstanding athletic performance for individuals during the past year, were honored with scores of other Warrior athletics at a semi-annual awards banquet held on campus Friday night.

**Taylor Takes Laurels**  
Double - winner Edward Taylor emerged with the only major dual honors of the evening. Taylor a quarterback for El Camino's sixth-ranked football team, was named winner of the Norm Verry scholarship and was cited for his outstanding performance for the Warriors in the Boise football game last fall.

In his opening game performance, Taylor completed 14 of 20 passes, good for 248

yards and a 38-5 victory. Announcer Chuck Benedict called Taylor "the finest junior college quarterback in the nation and a definite professional prospect."

Pier was a three-sport performer at El Camino. "Although there might have been athletes who stood out in one particular sport, Pier showed general excellence in three — football, basketball and baseball," John W. Morrow, assistant director of instruction in the field of physical education, said in making the award.

**Ignored Injury**  
"Bob played through three-fourths of the baseball season without knowing he had a badly sprained ankle, which he suffered during the basketball campaign," Morrow added in substantiation of Pier's outstanding attitude.

Sheeley, U.S. standard bearer in the 400-yard individual medley (4:38.2) and 200-yard butterfly (2:01.4), was a unanimous choice as the top performer of the year.

Jamie Collaco was awarded the Norm Verry memorial tennis trophy presented by former El Camino netmen in honor of the late coach.

Letters were awarded to participants in baseball, basketball, golf, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, track, wrestling, WAA hockey, softball, swimming, and tennis, and in intramurals.

In baseball, top honors

went to Ken Balch, outstanding outfielder; Larry Thomas, outstanding pitcher and Rob Schneider, captain.

**Moon Is Cage MVP**  
Most valuable player in basketball went to Bob Moon, who was also named captain and who, with Bobby Garcia, gained all-conference recognition.

Outstanding player among golfers was Steve Hallberg. Golf co-captains were Les Warr and Larry Sprengel.

In gymnastics outstanding performer was John Kulluk, and in intramurals Louis Holmes received the physical fitness championship.

Most improved swimmer award went to Dennis Kern and most valuable swimmer, Sheeley. Outstanding tennis player was Collaco, who received the Norm Verry perpetual trophy.

**Klein Honored**  
Receiving track awards were Glen Howell, outstanding field event performer; Kurt Klein, both the outstanding track performer, and most valuable player.

Receiving the WAA player-of-the-year award was Joyce Sake.

Wrestling awards were presented to Captain Don Holt, most valuable player, Don Holt; and most improved player, John Sowden, receiving the El Camino alumni trophy.

Dick Davin, commissioner of athletics, served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

## Angels Belt Giants, 11-1, In Colt Play

The wildest game of this year's Torrance Colt League season on June 4 involved the giants and Angels.

Mike Foster started for the Giants, but the Angels had on their hitting clothes and before he was relieved in the third, the Angels had touched him for six hits and two runs. Tommy Thomsen went the rest of the way for

the Giants. All together the Angels collected nine hits in their 11-1 victory.

In making his first start for the Angels Jon Hadley allowed only two hits and one run.

The league-leading Tigers beat the Braves, 3-1, on Thursday. Bob Sharpe for the Tigers did a superb hurling job and, had a no hit

game going until the seventh when Mike Gilliam dropped a Texas leaguer over the second baseman's head. Bill Valles hurled for the losers, and although he only allowed four hits, he issued six free passes.

Sunday at North High in the first game the Giants' Jack Maroni set the Braves down with only one hit and one run while striking out 12 and issuing only five passes. Don Disrud hurled for the Braves until the fifth. He had a no-hitter going but the Giants hopped on him for three straight hits. He was lifted for Dave Veldheer, but the damage had been done and the Giants pushed over one more run to win the game, 2-1.

In the second game of the day between the Angels and the Tigers, Steve Kealey of the Angels racked up his third win against one loss, 6-4. The Tigers jumped on him in the first inning for four hits and three runs, but after that he settled down and allowed only one run and one hit for the rest of the way. Larry Villa started for the Tigers but had to be relieved in the second by Ron Bauer. The Angels collected seven runs on six hits. The Tigers got six runs on five hits.

Keith Patton of the Angels got the first home run of the season in the first inning off Larry Villa.

### WAGNER TO CONDUCT

Roger Wagner, head of the music department at Marymount College, will conduct the 60th appearance of his Roger Wagner Chorale on July 11 in the Hollywood Bowl. The Chorale will sing with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra in a program paying tribute to Giuseppe Verdi's 150th anniversary. On the following day, Dr. Wagner will conduct the Chorale in a program of Rodgers and Hammerstein music.

### JOIN HONOR SOCIETY

Named to the Curian Honor Society at Marymount College for top academic performance were Joan Bommarito, Janet Lammersen, Ilona Galther, Paula Di Tullio, Toni Ostrowski, Joan Gagnon, Juanita Watson and Sandra Karol.



**MIGHTY MIDGET** — Dick Mitchell of Torrance is one of the solid favorites in Friday night's 30-lap United Racing Assn. full-size "speedway" midget auto races at Western Speedway, 139th & Western, Gardena. Races feature potent 110 Offies, "chopped Chevies", Chevy 11's, Falcons and Ford 60's, and will run summer-long at Western each Friday night.

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**PARNELLI JONES**  
Victor Comes Home

## 'Parnelli Jones Day' Fete Will Welcome Champ Home

"Parnelli Jones Day" will be celebrated in Torrance Saturday with a "Welcome Home" party to which the public is invited. The civic fete will take place from 2 to 2:45 p.m. at Vel's Ford Agency, 20900 Hawthorne Blvd.

On hand to welcome Jones, winner of the 500-mile racing classic at Indianapolis on Memorial Day, will be city councilmen, officials of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, and other guests from the auto racing and sporting world.

A special program has been planned that will include the showing of motion picture films featuring Parnelli Jones in action in sequences taken from many of his important races.

An added feature for the public will be the display of racing cars that Jones has driven on tracks throughout the nation.

The general public is also invited to a buffet lunch that will be held in Jones' honor at the Ford Agency, Parnelli Jones will autograph pictures for the public at that event.

Also to be honored will be J. C. Agajanian, owner of the car Jones drove at Indianapolis, and John Pouelson, Jones' head mechanic.

Vel Miletich, owner of Vel's Ford, was one of the original sponsors of Jones at the outset of his racing career.

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